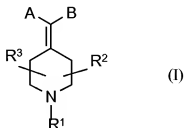


# **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

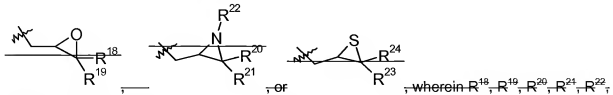
## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A compound of the general formula (I)



wherein

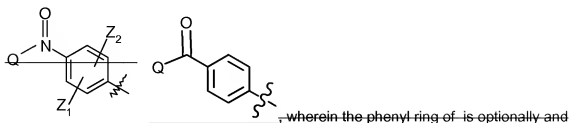
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is are hydrogen; a branched or straight C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl; C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> (alkyl cycloalkyl), wherein alkyl is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl and cycloalkyl is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl; C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl or heteroaryl having from 5 to 10 atoms selected from C, S, N and/or O, wherein said aryl and/or heteroaryl may optionally and independently be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, halogen, CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, COOR<sup>6</sup>, COR<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>SOR<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup> and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>OR<sup>6</sup>, wherein p is 0, 1 or 2; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl) (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl) or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl) heteroaryl, wherein said heteroaryl has from 5 to 10 atoms selected from C, S, N and/or O, and wherein said aryl and/or heteroaryl may optionally and independently be substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydrogen, CH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, halogen, CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, COOR<sup>6</sup>, COR<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>SOR<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>4</sup> and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>q</sub>OR<sup>6</sup>, wherein q is 0, 1 or 2; and



R<sup>23</sup> and R<sup>24</sup> is each and independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is each and independently selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;

A is



independently substituted by 1 or 2 substituents  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  each and independently selected from hydrogen,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{CF}_3$ , halogen,  $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^6$ ,  $-\text{COR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SOR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{R}^6$  and  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ , wherein  $r$  is 0, 1, or 2;

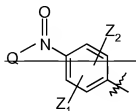
Q is  $\text{C}_5$ - $\text{C}_6$  hydroaryl; heterohydroaromatic having 5 or 6 atoms selected from C, S, N and/or O;  $\text{C}_5$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl; or  $\text{C}_5$ - $\text{C}_6$  heterocycloalkyl having 5 or 6 atoms selected from C, N, and O and/or S; and wherein each Q is optionally substituted by a substituent  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  as defined above; and

B is phenyl or naphthyl, wherein the phenyl and naphthyl is optionally and independently substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydrogen and  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{CF}_3$ , halogen,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{COR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{COOR}^6$ ,  $-\text{OR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SOR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{R}^6$ , and  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ , wherein  $t$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

$\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{R}^6$ , and  $\text{R}^7$  is each and independently selected from hydrogen; a branched or straight  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl;  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkenyl;  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl; and  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_6$  (alkyl-cycloalkyl), wherein alkyl is  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_2$  alkyl and cycloalkyl is  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl;

as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the formula (I), and isomers, hydrates, and isoforms and prodrugs thereof.

2. (currently amended) A compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein



substituted at any position of the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents  $Z^1$  and  $Z^2$  which is each and independently selected from hydrogen,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{CF}_3$ , halogen,  $-\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-\text{COOR}^6$ ,  $-\text{COR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SOR}^6$ ,  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{R}^6$  and  $-(\text{CH}_2)_t\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ , wherein  $t$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{SOR}^6$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{SO}_2\text{R}^6$  and  $(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ , wherein  $r$  is 0, 1, or 2;

Q is morpholine, piperidine, or pyrrolidine;

as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the formula (I), and isomers, hydrates, and isoforms thereof.

$\text{R}^4$  is hydrogen; a branched or straight  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_4$  alkyl;  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl;  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_8$  (alkyl-cycloalkyl), wherein alkyl is  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl and cycloalkyl is  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl; and  $\text{C}_6$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  aryl or heteroaryl having from 5 to 6 atoms selected from C, S, N and/or O, wherein the aryl and/or heteroaryl is optionally and independently substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydrogen,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{CF}_3$ , halogen,  $\text{CONR}^5\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{COOR}^5$ ,  $\text{COR}^5$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{NR}^6\text{R}^4$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{CH}_3$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{SOR}^6$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{SO}_2\text{R}^5$  and  $(\text{CH}_2)_p\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^4$ , wherein  $p$  is 0, 1 or 2;

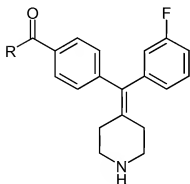
B is phenyl or naphthyl, wherein the phenyl and naphthyl is optionally and independently substituted by 1 or 2 substituents selected from hydrogen,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3$ , halogen,  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{CONR}^5\text{R}^4$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{NR}^6\text{R}^4$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{COR}^5$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_q\text{CO}_2\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{OR}^6$ , wherein  $q$  is 0 or 1;

$\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{R}^6$ , and  $\text{R}^7$  is each and independently selected from hydrogen, a branched or straight  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkenyl,  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl, and  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_8$  (alkyl-cycloalkyl) wherein alkyl is  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  alkyl and cycloalkyl is  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_6$  cycloalkyl; and

$\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  is each and independently selected from hydrogen and methyl.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1, which compound is



, wherein R is morpholine, piperidine or pyrrolidine;

as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the formula (I), and isomers, hydrates, and isoforms thereof.

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5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, in form of its hydrochloride, sulfate, tartrate or citrate salts.

7-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is isotopically labelled.

16. (canceled).

17. (original) An isotopically labelled compound of the formula (I) of claim 1.

18. (canceled).

19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the formula (I) according to claim 1 as an active ingredient, together with a pharmacologically and pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

20-26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 4, in form of its hydrochloride, sulfate, tartrate or citrate salts.

28. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the formula (I) according to claim 4 as an active ingredient, together with a pharmacologically and pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

29. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 2, wherein B is a phenyl substituted by 1 substituent selected from halogen.

30. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 29, wherein the halogen is fluorine.

31. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 30, wherein said phenyl is substituted at the meta position by said fluorine.

~~34.~~ 32. (currently amended) A compound according to claim ~~4~~ 29, wherein R is morpholin-4-yl, piperidinyl, or pyrrolidinyl ~~Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>1</sup> is each and independently H; and R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is each and independently selected from H and CH<sub>3</sub>.~~

~~32-33.~~ (currently amended) A compound according to claim 2 ~~34~~, wherein Q is morpholin-4-yl, piperidinyl, or pyrrolidinyl ~~Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> is each and independently H.~~

~~33-34.~~ (currently amended) A compound according to claim 4, wherein said compound is isotopically labeled ~~29~~, wherein ~~Z<sup>1</sup>, Z<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> is each and independently H.~~

~~34-35.~~ (currently amended) A compound according to claim 4, wherein ~~said compound is isotopically labeled~~ the compound is selected from:

- 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-morpholin-4-yl-methanone;
- 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl-methanone; and
- 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanone.

~~35-36.~~ (currently amended). A compound according to claim 1 ~~claim 4~~, wherein Q is a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> heterocycloalkyl having 5 or 6 atoms selected from C, N, and O ~~the compound is selected from:~~

- 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-morpholin-4-yl-methanone;

— 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-piperidin-1-yl-methanone; and  
— 4-[(3-fluorophenyl)-piperidin-4-yl-methyl]-phenyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl-methanone.